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## **James S. Howard**



### **Director, Plans and Programs Division Strategic Systems Programs**



Mr. Howard is currently the Director, Plans and Programs Division of Strategic Systems Programs. He is responsible for development and execution of all plans and budgets for the Navy Strategic Weapons System and serves as a member of the Strategic Systems Programs Board of Directors.

Mr. Howard has been a member of the Senior Executive Service since 2000, and has a total of 33 years of government service.

Prior to his current assignment, Mr. Howard served as the Assistant to the Chief Engineer for Systems Integration and Compatibility and as such was the primary Systems Engineer for Strategic Systems Programs. He provided overall leadership, guidance and management for the Systems Engineering Process required to design, develop, test and evaluate, procure, operate, support and maintain the Strategic Weapons System. A major focus of his organization was the integration and coordination of all ships systems, navigation, fire control, launcher, missile and test and evaluation functions that affect the Strategic Weapons System.

Mr. Howard has previously held numerous positions in the Strategic Systems Programs Guidance and Fire control Branch. As the Guidance Production and Repair Section Head, he was responsible for overall technical and fiscal leadership and direction, for all matters related to the development, procurement, production, maintenance, reliability, supportability, operational support and the eventual phase-out of all deployed guidance system hardware and software for the Strategic Fleet Ballistic Missile. As the Lead Guidance Advance Technology Engineer, he was responsible for all facets of guidance system design, research, development, test and evaluation and tactical engineering support. Mr. Howard's initial assignment at SSP was the design, development and production of all electronic components for the Trident II, D5 MK 6 Guidance System.

Prior to his arrival at SSP headquarters, Mr. Howard served as an engineer at the Naval Weapons Support Center Crane, Crane Indiana where he was responsible for construction and failure analysis of electronic modules and components for the Standard Electronic Module Program.

Mr. Howard holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Louisville, Speed Scientific School. He is a 1991 graduate of the Defense Systems Management College, Program Managers Course. He is a member of the Acquisition Professional Community with Level III certification in Systems Planning, Research, Development and Engineering and Program Management.